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In re Application of

THOMPSON, Wanda Green et al.

Application No.: 10/018,070

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DECISION ON

PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

This is a decision on applicants' "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.497(d) Error In the Inventive Entity Listed In the International Application," filed 21 May 2002. It has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

BACKGROUND

On 28 April 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/US00/11373, which claimed a priority date of 30 April 1999. On 17 November 2000, applicants filed a demand for international preliminary examination which elected the United States, prior to nineteen months from the priority date. The deadline for entry into the national stage in the United States was midnight 30 October 2001.

On 25 October 2001, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee and a declaration executed by Wanda Green Thompson and Michael Wayne Johnson.

On 19 February 2002, the Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating, *inter alia*, that the declaration was defective because it was not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68 and because the declaration listed "Wanda Green Thompson" as an inventor, while the international application listed "Wanda Green Simpson."

On 08 March 2002, applicants filed the response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, accompanied by, *inter alia*, copies of the Notification of Missing Requirements and a declaration from Wanda Green Thompson.

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On 23 April 2002, the Office mailed Notification, indicating that applicants' needed to supply a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

On 21 May 2002, applicants submitted the instant petition.

DISCUSSION

Applicants indicate that the inventors listed on the international application included a typographical error. Specifically, the inventor listed as "Wanda Green Simpson" is named "Wanda Green Thompson." Applicants have provided a statement from Ms. Thompson indicating that the error occurred without deceptive intent on her part. The petition fee has been paid.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 28 April 2000 under 35 U.S.C. §363 and a date of 25 October 2001 under 35 U.S.C. §371. This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of the PCT Operations for continued processing.

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